

# ANNOUNCING

## Missouri's STARR Program

**"T**he STARR Program provides the most enjoyable, energizing and useful professional growth opportunities possible. The presentations are teacher-friendly, practical and geared toward everyone's ultimate goal of being a better teacher for our students."

— *Cathy Giessing*  
STARR Teacher,  
Fredericktown



**"S**TARR has provided the most beneficial training that I have received in all of my professional career. It has tremendously impacted the way I teach."

— *Phyllena Layne*  
STARR Teacher,  
Kansas City

### A Unique Professional Development Opportunity

### ★ Teachers Teaching Teachers ★

The STARR (Select Teachers as Regional Resources) Program provides in-service, conducted by national consultants, on research-based, proven-effective classroom teaching strategies. In addition to authentic instruction, teachers will become knowledgeable about performance-based assessment and the Missouri Show-Me Standards. It's an exciting experience that will prove to be one of the highlights of your teaching career!

### Here's How It Works!

- Teachers apply to become a STARR teacher.
- When selected, STARR teachers are trained in authentic instruction and practice the techniques in their home classrooms for the first year.
- The next year, STARR teachers go on state-supported sabbatical leave without losing their home district salary and fringe benefits.
- During the sabbatical, STARR teachers (in teams of three) are assigned an office at the state university site near their homes.
- During the sabbatical, STARR teachers share what they have learned by conducting seminars for area school districts and the university's teacher education program.

### How to Apply

- In early March, look for application forms at your school. They have been sent to your superintendent, principal, PDC chairperson and the leaders of your professional organizations. **Applications are due by April 9, 2004.**
- If application forms are not available, you may receive one by going to the following Web site: [www.dese.state.mo.us/divteachqual/starr/starr.html](http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divteachqual/starr/starr.html) or by contacting:  
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